



**GREG COX**  
**SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT**  
**SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **Grant Funding for District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program**

For fiscal year 2009-2010, the County of San Diego through Supervisor Greg Cox has one-time grant funding available to nonprofit organizations for capital needs that will benefit the community. Grant funding for the FY 2009-2010 District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program is intended to assist non-profit community organizations with one-time purchases of equipment and supplies, as well as to provide assistance for nonprofit community organizations with capital improvements.

**Please note:** New guidelines have been recommended by the Board of Supervisors and are to be reviewed and implemented by November 2009. These guidelines are intended to provide uniformity for the program, including a standard application form and the establishment of a minimum request of \$3,500 per application. Any current proposal must meet the new guidelines of \$3,500.

### **Limitations and Requirements**

- Grant funding is available to nonprofit organizations and, in certain cases, public agencies in the First Supervisorial District.
- Organization must submit proof of non-profit status.
- Nonprofit organizations must sign an agreement with the County of San Diego that stipulates how County funds are to be used and expenses documented.
- Grant funding must be spent within one year of execution of the grant agreement.
- Documentation of expenditure of all funds (proof of how the funds were spent) must be submitted to the County of San Diego within 13 months of execution of grant agreement. (Documentation is subject to audit.)
- Recommendation for funding by Supervisor Greg Cox must be approved by the full Board of Supervisors in public session.
- Grant funding is only for a one-time expenditure for capital improvements or for purchase of equipment and supplies. It cannot be used for operations or personnel.
- Submission of an application for funds in no way guarantees that an organization will receive funding.

### **Application**

To apply for District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds from Supervisor Greg Cox, please submit a letter of request by mail, fax or e-mail. Be sure to include the following information:

1. Name and address of the nonprofit organization and name and phone number of contact person.

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2. Name of person responsible for expenditure of grant funds, if different than contact person in number 1.
3. Official name of organization (if different from number 1), Taxpayer ID number, and proof of non-profit status.
4. Brief description/history of organization.
5. Summary of operating budget of organization.
6. Description of grant request.
7. Specific dollar amount requested (include itemized priority list if request encompasses multiple needs).
8. Verifiable cost estimate (invoices, contractor estimates, etc.).
9. Estimated time for completion of project.
10. Description of how the proposed project will benefit the community, including how many people will be served.
11. Statement that the organization understands that it must sign an agreement with the County of San Diego that stipulates how County funds are to be used and documented.

Submit your letter of request by mail, fax or e-mail to Supervisor Greg Cox at:

District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program  
Supervisor Greg Cox  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Fax: (619) 235-0644  
[greg.cox@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:greg.cox@sdcounty.ca.gov)

### **Type of Grants Awarded**

Most of the grant funding available through the District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (60%) has been used to augment County capital projects, such as the Bonita-Sunnyside Library and Museum Project, the Sweetwater Little League Sports Complex, the Tijuana River Valley, Otay River Valley and Sweetwater Regional Parks and the Silver Strand Interpretive Area.

Nonprofit organizations that have received funding from the District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program have generally fallen into, but are not limited to, several broad categories:

**Youth Programs** (sports equipment for youth diversion programs, renovations at a transitional living facility for foster youth, etc.)

**Public Safety** (purchase of a speed trailer for the Sheriff's Senior Volunteer Patrol, purchase of defibrillators for the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District, etc.)

**Environment** (supplies for beach cleanups, debris removal in regional parks, etc.)

**Health and Social Services** (equipment for free dental clinics, appliances at senior centers, etc.)

### **For More Information**

Please consult the list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for more information. If you have additional questions, or for assistance with the District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, please contact Danny Melgoza, Policy Advisor at (619) 531-5511 or [danny.melgoza@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:danny.melgoza@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. Does my organization need to fill out an application form to apply for funding?**

There is no application form to apply for funding. However, an organization does need to submit an official letter of request that includes specific information as indicated in the informational document.

**2. How much money is available? How much can my organization request?**

The District 1 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Fund for FY 07-08 is \$2 million. Historically, most of that amount each year is spent on County capital projects. Typically, organizations are awarded grants between \$3,500 and \$50,000. Recommendations for funding are made on a case-by-case basis depending upon the merits of the specific project, an organization's size and impact, other sources of support, the community need, and potential public benefits from the project. Not all requests are funded. Most requests are partially funded.

**3. Does my organization need to be a nonprofit?**

Yes. Grant funding is only available to nonprofit organizations and, in certain cases, public agencies in the First Supervisorial District. The requesting organization must submit proof of its non-profit status from the State of California and/or the federal government.

**4. What is the deadline to submit an application?**

There is no specific deadline to apply for funding as the process continues throughout the fiscal year. Supervisor Greg Cox generally makes funding recommendations on a quarterly basis.

**5. How do I know if my organization is in the First Supervisorial District?**

There is a map of the district available on Supervisor Greg Cox's website at [www.sdcountry.ca.gov/bos1/map.html](http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/bos1/map.html)

**6. I have questions that have not been answered here.**

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